



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of January 8, 2025.

December 2024

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	December 2024	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted	3,643	-1.1%	-7.3%
Approved	2,771	13.5%	-15.0%
Rejected	1,319	-17.4%	-29.5%
Pending	486		
15 Days or Less			
More Than 15 Days	113		
Total Pending	599		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		December 2024	November 2024	October 2024	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	17,575	17,207	16,474	2.1%	6.7%
	Protective Services	4,202	4,182	4,147	0.5%	1.3%
	Total	21,772	21,383	20,615	1.8%	5.6%
Approved Children	Income	25,714	26,575	26,608	-3.2%	-3.4%
	Protective Services	6,675	6,727	6,752	-0.8%	-1.1%
	Total	32,335	33,244	33,319	-2.7%	-3.0%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

		December 2024	November 2024	October 2024	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Children Served	Income	16,497	16,394	14,980	0.6%	10.1%
	Protective Services	4,211	4,209	3,917	0.0%	7.5%
	Total	20,699	20,593	18,889	0.5%	9.6%
Payments		\$18,284,266	\$19,977,880	\$18,294,721	-8.5%	-0.1%
Average Payment Per Child		\$883	\$970	\$969	-8.9%	-8.8%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	December 2024	November 2024	October 2024	December 2024	November 2024	October 2024	December 2024	November 2024	October 2024
Approved Households	311	264	221	86	84	82	25	27	29
Children Served	519	463	404	138	139	137	41	41	42
Payments	\$364,106.63	\$382,175.44	\$319,165.57	\$101,411.38	\$121,254.67	\$105,435.51	\$33,342.69	\$38,646.69	\$35,897.60
Average Payment per Household	\$306	\$305	\$303	\$319	\$313	\$302	\$350	\$342	\$304
Average Payment per Child	\$321	\$326	\$333	\$706	\$733	\$683	\$383	\$382	\$363

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

	Children Served December 2024	Payments December 2024
Under Age 1	890	\$1,320,154
AGE 1	2,457	\$4,008,961
AGE 2	3,165	\$3,254,970
AGE 3	3,507	\$2,905,465
AGE 4	3,103	\$2,542,236
AGE 5	2,168	\$1,461,035
AGE 6	1,315	\$687,054
AGE 7	1,051	\$522,132
AGE 8	890	\$448,081
AGE 9	776	\$393,734
AGE 10	544	\$281,829
AGE 11	430	\$240,346
AGE 12	265	\$140,116
AGE 13	111	\$57,859
Age 14 and Over	27	\$20,292
Total	20,699	\$18,284,266

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

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*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Days
Cape Girardeau	275	215	128	23.9%	343	39	5	11.4%
Columbia	175	97	80	27.3%	177	15	5	25.0%
Jefferson City	184	112	86	26.3%	198	24	5	17.2%
Macon	81	64	27	18.8%	91	13	3	18.8%
Not Selected	1,178	900	253	14.2%	1,153	175	34	16.3%
Raytown	584	447	249	22.1%	696	75	24	24.2%
Springfield	298	209	123	22.8%	332	50	7	12.3%
St. Louis	869	728	373	21.9%	1,101	95	30	24.0%
Total	3,644	2,771	1,319	20.5%	4,090	486	113	18.9%

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

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Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Parent	Job Search	Not Available	Protective Services	Special Need	Training
Cape Girardeau	142	1,418	15	6	279	113	704	17	9
Columbia	82	681	23	5	163	86	295	6	13
Jefferson City	78	815	11	5	191	87	466	6	12
Macon	41	353	7	1	75	27	208	1	5
Not Selected	150	1,388	39	1	382	79	249	11	36
Raytown	391	2,477	123	9	844	291	823	22	103
Springfield	172	1,314	29	4	317	113	716	19	20
St. Louis	771	4,935	228	31	1,328	593	1,019	67	140
Total	1,676	11,988	456	61	3,196	1,312	4,234	138	302

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SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	December 2024	November 2024	October 2024	December 2024	November 2024	October 2024
Education	1,676	1,636	1,577	2,560	2,602	2,597
Employment	11,988	11,794	11,386	19,617	20,291	20,431
Homeless	456	405	325	561	531	446
Incapacitated Parent	61	60	53	88	86	78
Job Search	3,196	3,055	2,804	2,321	2,354	2,221
Not Available	1,312	1,305	1,305	2,487	2,492	2,457
Protective Services	4,234	4,217	4,188	6,722	6,780	6,819
Special Need	138	132	121	185	186	176
Training	302	292	291	450	461	484
Total	21,772	21,383	20,615	32,335	33,244	33,319

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	December 2024	November 2024	October 2024
African American (Black)	15,212	15,579	15,575
American/Alaskan Native	269	263	252
Asian	90	93	94
Caucasian (White)	12,013	12,257	12,144
Multi-Racial	3,107	3,034	2,888
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	58	63	61
Other	830	1,107	1,362
Prefer not to answer	581	560	536
Unknown	241	353	477
Total	32,335	33,244	33,319

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	December 2024	November 2024	October 2024
Hispanic	5.6%	5.4%	5.4%
Non-Hispanic	89.3%	88.7%	87.5%
Prefer not to answer	5.2%	6.0%	7.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

*excludes Protective Services households

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Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
1	642	2.9%	\$35
2	6,037	27.7%	\$869
3	6,628	30.4%	\$1,096
4	4,852	22.3%	\$1,262
5	2,631	12.1%	\$1,358
6	1,209	5.6%	\$1,301
7 or More	911	4.2%	\$1,271
Total	21,768	100.0%	\$974

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	December 2024			November 2024			October 2024		
		Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child
Exempt	Exempt Program	398	\$260,916.22	\$656	429	\$263,224.70	\$614	344	\$218,693.78	\$636
	Six or Fewer	873	\$480,324.89	\$550	827	\$472,292.35	\$571	728	\$412,041.92	\$566
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,340	\$882,913.98	\$659	1,495	\$1,123,733.72	\$752	1,347	\$948,532.69	\$704
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	16,974	\$15,896,814.08	\$937	16,745	\$17,308,454.12	\$1,034	15,459	\$16,025,302.66	\$1,037
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	754	\$534,631.85	\$709	750	\$580,714.74	\$774	673	\$482,586.64	\$717
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	405	\$220,463.01	\$544	403	\$227,652.94	\$565	375	\$205,413.69	\$548
Total		20,698	\$18,276,064.03	\$883	20,591	\$19,976,072.56	\$970	18,887	\$18,292,571.38	\$969

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

		December 2024	November 2024	October 2024
Paid Providers		1,608	1,637	1,573
Contracted Providers	Exempt			
	Exempt Program	183	182	182
	Six or Fewer	640	633	629
	Licensed			
	Licensed Child Care Center	1,285	1,280	1,262
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	230	226	221
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	61	61	61
	Licensed Exempt			
	Religious Organization/Nursery School	114	114	111
Total		2,513	2,496	2,466

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	December 2024	November 2024	October 2024	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	1,328	1,167	942	13.8%	41.0%
Low Income Housing	1,461	1,316	1,026	11.0%	42.4%
Medicaid	9,981	8,973	7,459	11.2%	33.8%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	10,398	9,391	7,846	10.7%	32.5%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	476	378	308	25.9%	54.5%
Total	12,426	11,200	9,339	10.9%	33.1%